IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION

SERIAL NO. GROUP ART UNIT:

DATE FILED: March 2, 2004 EXAMINER:

Takeo Eguchi

INVENTION: "SIGNAL PROCESSING APPARATUS, PROGRAM FOR USE IN

SIGNAL PROCESSING APPARATUS, STORAGE MEDIUM STORING

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THEREON PROGRAM FOR USE IN SIGNAL PROCESSING APPARATUS, AND SIGNAL PROCESSING METHOD"

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SIR:

APPLICANT:

Please amend the attached application as follows: